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2006 Commodity Loans

Did you know that you can take out a 9-month commodity loan on your crop with FSA? Did you know that our current interest rate is 6.25%? Did you know that you can take out a loan on a crop that is stored on the farm or in a public warehouse? Did you know that you can take out a loan on a commodity that already has a forward price contract? With the current price situation, a lot of farmers are looking to take out a commodity loan and sell their crop at a later date instead of selling the crop immediately and operating on the cash. Here are the loan rates for crops stored in Umatilla County:

Crop	Loan Rate
Barley	\$2.13 bu
Canola	\$7.09 cwt
Sm Chickpeas	\$7.43 cwt
Corn	\$2.36 bu
Lentils	\$12.76 cwt
Mustard	\$8.19 cwt
Oats	\$1.33 bu
Dry Peas	\$6.63 cwt
Wheat DUR	\$3.63 bu
Wheat HRS	\$3.20 bu
Wheat HRW	\$3.23 bu
Wheat SWH	\$2.90 bu
Wool (Ungrd)	\$0.38 lb

For more information concerning farm stored or warehouse stored commodity loans please contact Elaine Urban at extension 113.

Report Losses

Producers who have suffered losses due to weather should report their losses to the office within 15 days of the event if they do not plan to harvest the crop. This is a requirement for producers who have NAP coverage. Reporting crop losses is also recommended to all other producers so an accurate appraisal of damage in the county can be performed. This information is used to submit disaster declarations for the county and could be used for future programs.

CRP Cost Share for Mowing

With all of the spring rains many producers are being required to mow their CRP this fall to be in compliance with their contract. We have received lots of requests for assistance with the cost of mowing. Cost share is only available for mowing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts in 2 situations:

Establishing Stands – FSA can cost share once for mowing on CRP stands that are being established. The mowing must occur within 12 months of seeding. This is a required practice starting with sign up 33. This practice is available for older contracts but the person must apply for the practice before the 12 month seeding window expires.

Management Practice – Every contract under the current farm bill is required to perform a management practice. One option is to mow 30-60% of the contract with cost-share assistance. Contracts approved before 2002 may be eligible for a management practice (mowing) but the Conservation Plan of Operation must be revised before mowing can take place.

Producers are reminded that they receive a \$4-\$5 per acre maintenance bonus for every acre on a CRP contract every year. If you have any questions on whether you can get cost share on your contract for mowing, please contact Virginia Klein at extension 119.

Barley Counter Cyclical Payments

Producers with an active barley base on a 2005 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) contract should have received a small counter-cyclical (CC) payment at the end of July. Barley earned a 2005 CC payment because the national average price (\$1.87) plus the direct payment rate for barley (\$0.24) fell below the target price (\$2.24/bu). This resulted in a \$0.13 per bushel payment. All of these payments were issued in July by check or direct deposit. If you have any questions about these payments please contact Lori Yokom at extension 120.

2007 Non-Insured Assistance Program Deadlines

The Non-Insured Assistance Program is designed for all crops that can not be insured under federal crop insurance. This includes some insurable crops that do not meet some basic production requirements (apples, cherries) or crops grown under uninsurable practices or areas (onions, garbanzos). NAP only provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$100 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$300 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2006 must reapply for 2007 coverage. Here are the deadlines to apply.

08/31/06	All fall planted crops not mentioned
08/31/06	Onions (fall and spring), Radishes, Canola, Carrots, Cabbage, Turf Grass Sod, Ornamental Nursery, Cut Flowers, Value Loss Crops
10/02/06	Grass (hay and seed), Alfalfa (hay and seed), Clover, Small Grains, all Forage and Grazing Crops, Other Perennials Crops not mentioned
11/20/06	Berries, Fruit, Honey
03/15/07	All spring planted crops not mentioned
05/31/07	Buckwheat

Producers who received 2003/2004 Crop Disaster Payments on uninsured crops need to purchase NAP or Crop Insurance in order for them to keep their disaster payment. If you have any questions on when to apply for NAP coverage, please contact Fran Mortier at ext 112.

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2006 Farm Operating Plan Requirements

For fiscal year 2006, all operators will be required to file a new Farm Operation Plan (CCC-502) or sign an update form before they can be paid any payments with FSA. This requirement does not affect landowners unless they have a change in their operation that would require a new operating plan to be filed. Here are some situations in which a landowner needs to file a new plan: a change of land lease from a share rent to a cash rent or vice-versa; a change in undivided ownership; a change in member's shares in an entity owning land; a change of contribution of capital, equipment, labor, and/or personal management with the operator; acquisition of farming interest not previously disclosed. The office has mailed many forms out to participants needing to update the farm plans and have not received a response. If you wish to earn a payment or you have a payment limitation question please contact Tina Campbell at ext 116.

Report Farm Changes for 2007

Do you have a change in land ownership starting with the 2007 crop? Have you added or dropped land in your farming operation? If you do, please contact Corrie Grindstaff at ext. 121 and report what has happened. Doing this allows us to process your contracts faster and more accurately when you come in to sign up.

Calendar

August 31 – NAP Deadline

September 4 – Labor Day (Office Closed)

September 6 – County Committee Meeting

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